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Re: Lower Passaic River Study Area (LPRSA) Draft Remedial Investigation Report –
Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial
Investigation/Feasibility Study (Agreement) CERCLA Docket No. 02-2007-2009

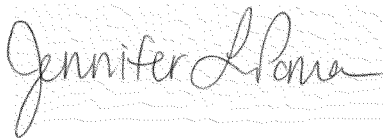
Dear Dr. Law:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Cooperating Parties Group's (CPG) February 2015 Draft Remedial Investigation (RI) Report including Section 7, the modeling component of the Draft RI Report, which was submitted separately in April 2015 and June 2015. In accordance with Section X, Paragraph 44(d) of the Agreement, EPA has enclosed comments on the Draft RI Report with this letter.

Please note that in comment 1 of the Draft RI comment set, EPA has identified an issue which we wish to further discuss with CPG. Also, please note that EPA has enclosed detailed comments on Section 7 separate from the remainder of the Draft RI Report comments. As a next step, EPA would like to meet in the next 30 days with the respective technical teams to discuss the direction provided in the enclosures for revising the modeling components of the RI. At the conclusion of the aforementioned meeting, EPA will provide direction on the timing for resubmission of the Draft RI Report.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer LaPoma". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature, there is a faint, dotted rectangular box.

Jennifer LaPoma, Remedial Project Manager
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Enclosures

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